8. ***Marriage Grant***

The rate of marriage grant has been enhanced from Rs. 5,000/- to Rs. 10,000/- for the marriage of each daughter/sister of person killed by terrorists/by security forces in action or otherwise and on the marriage of daughter/sister of the person who sustains 100% physical disability at the hands of terrorists/by security forces in action or otherwise.

9. *Facility of Free Education*

The facility of free education upto University level is available to the children of innocent civilians killed, 100% physically disabled by terrorists/by security forces in action or otherwise.

10. *Reservation in Professional Technical and Medical Colleges.*

2% seats are reserved in all professional, technical and medical colleges for the children of persons eligible for free education by adjustment in the present arrangement or otherwise but in no case the reservation is to exceed 50 per cent.

11. *Loans by PUNWAC*

The widows of persons killed in terrorists violence are entitled to interest free loan by PUNWAC with subsidy at the following rates:

(a) If the loan scheme is for Rs. 5,000/- subsidy will be 50%.

(b) If the loans scheme is from Rs. 5001/- to Rs. 10,000/- the subsidy will be 40%

(c) If the loans scheme is from Rs. 10,001/- to Rs. 20,000/- the subsidy will be 25%.

No surety is necessary for loans upto Rs. 5,000/- inclusive of capital subsidy. The entire loan shall be repayable within five years in quarterly instalments.

12. Allotment of LIG Houses residential plots commercial sites.

2% LIG house, residential plots, commercial plots, shops and 10% booths shall be reserved for allotment on normal terms and conditions to the following categories:—

(a) Widows
(b) Orphans
(c) Destitutes
(d) 100% physically disabled

Loans to organisation under National Women Fund in Tamil Nadu

1328. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of non-Government organisations/corporations engaged in the field of women development in Tamil Nadu which have been provided with loans by the Central Government under National Women's Fund during the year 1993-94, 1994-95 year-wise and district-wise;

(b) the method of spending of this amount by the organisation; and

(c) the number of women benefited from this scheme in the States?

THE MINSTER OF STATE (SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESHWARI): IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (a) Rashtriya Mahila Kosh provides loans to women. A statement on the loans to organisations in Tamil Nadu is enclosed. (*see* below).

(b) The organisations on-lends the loan amount to poor women for income generation activities.

(c) Number of women beneficiaries identified during the year 1993-94 and 1994-95 is 15490 and 3093 respectively.

Statement

Loans to Organisations under National Women Fund in Tamil Nadu

Name of the District	No.of NGOs	1993-94 credit limit Sanctioned (Rs. in Lakhs)	No. of Women to be benefited
Madras	2	105.25	13,850
Dindigul	1	7.00	310
Madurai	1	7.98	1,330
			15,490
		1994-95	
Madras	2	35.00	1,420
Tiruchirapalli	1	6.75	270
Dharmapuri	1	22.00	803
Cuddalore	1	5.00	600
			3,093

National Social Assistance Scheme

1329. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently approved the National Social Assistance Scheme;

(b) if so, the details; and

(c) the number of poor persons that are likely to be benefited by this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The components of the National Social Assistance Scheme (NSAS) which are to be implemented through the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment, Government of India are:—

(i) Old Age Pension
(ii) Family benefit
(iii) Maternity benefit

All these benefits shall be available to the people both in Rural and Urban Areas living below the poverty line. The Old Age Pension component is to provide financial assistance to distitute of the age of 65 years of above. The amount of assistance is Rs. 75/- per month. The family benefits component is intended to give financial assistance in case of death of the primary bread winner in the age group of 20—60 of a family below the poverty line. Under this Scheme the amount of benefit is Rs. 5,000/- in case of natural death and Rs. 10,000/- in case of accidental death. Under the maternity benefit, a financial assistance of Rs. 300/- is to be given to a pregnant women of the age of 19 years or above upto two live births.

(c) The poor persons likely to be benefited under this Scheme are as the following:—

(i) Old Age Pension — About 5.3 million.
(ii) Family Benefit — About 3.5 lakh.
(iii) Maternity Benefit — About 4.5 million.

Condition of Widows in Eastern India

1330. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RE-